



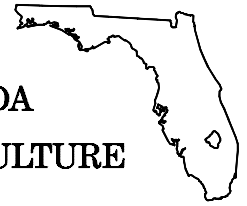
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## FIELD CROPS

### POTATO STOCKS

## FLORIDA AGRICULTURE



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### POTATO STOCKS UP 2 PERCENT

The 15 major potato States held 265 million cwt of potatoes on December 1, 2002, up 2 percent from last year but 15 percent below 2000. Storage accounted for 65 percent of the 2002 fall production, down 2 percentage points from last year. Stocks by type were 3 percent red, 11 percent round white, 3 percent long white (Shepody), and 83 percent russet; with more round whites and fewer long whites and russets than a year ago.

Disappearance, at 146 million cwt, from the start of harvest to December 1, is up 13 percent from the same period last year but 2 percent below two years ago. Shrink and loss, at 16.2 million cwt, is up 10 percent from last year and 14 percent below two years ago.

Processors used 77.6 million cwt of 2002 crop potatoes so far this season, up 18 percent from a year ago but 1 percent below two years ago. Idaho and Malheur processing gained 36 percent while Washington and the rest of Oregon processed 15 percent more 2002 crop potatoes than a year ago. Dehydrators used 15.7 million cwt to date. Colorado has joined the group of 9 processing States this year and South Dakota has dropped out.

Western States held 188 million cwt of potatoes in storage on December 1, up 6 percent from last year but 15 percent below two years ago. Idaho's potato stocks are up 5 percent from last year and Colorado's are up 29 percent. The return of irrigation water to the Klamath Basin boosted California's stocks 25 percent from last year and helped increase Oregon's stocks by 3 percent. Washington's sheds stored the same amount of potatoes as last year but Montana's stocks are up 2 percent.

Central States accounted for 61.2 million cwt of potato stocks this December, down 5 percent from last year and 13 percent below two years ago. North Dakota's stocks dropped 18 percent, Ohio fell 37 percent, Michigan slipped 4 percent and Wisconsin declined 1 percent from last year's level. Minnesota's stocks are equal to last year while Nebraska's storages hold 16 percent more than in 2001.

Eastern States stored 16.3 million cwt of potatoes on December 1, down 1 percent from last year and 13 percent below 2000. Maine's stocks were up 3 percent, New York's gained 4 percent, but were offset by a 33 percent decline in Pennsylvania.

### FALL POTATOES: Production and Stocks on December 1, 2001 and 2002 <sup>1/</sup>

State	Crop of 2001			Crop of 2002		
	Production	Stocks Dec 1, 2001	Percent of production	Production	Stocks Dec 1, 2002	December as percent of production
	1,000 cwt		Percent	1,000 cwt		Percent
California	1,424	1,200	84	4,450	1,500	34
Colorado	21,357	15,600	73	27,885	20,100	72
Idaho	120,200	87,500	73	133,385	92,000	69
Maine	16,430	12,200	74	16,960	12,600	74
Michigan	13,950	8,200	59	13,878	7,900	57
Minnesota	18,425	12,000	65	18,700	12,000	64
Montana	3,296	3,000	91	3,213	3,050	95
Nebraska	8,400	4,850	58	8,414	5,650	67
New York	5,942	2,400	40	5,500	2,500	45
North Dakota	26,400	19,500	74	23,460	16,000	68
Ohio	1,097	300	27	1,008	190	19
Oregon	20,730	17,500	84	24,936	18,000	72
Pennsylvania	3,173	1,800	57	2,590	1,200	46
Washington	94,400	53,000	56	95,200	53,000	56
Wisconsin	31,955	19,700	62	31,125	19,500	63
Total 15 States	387,179	258,750	67	410,704	265,190	65

<sup>1/</sup> Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2002 totaled 29.3 million cwt.

**POTATOES:** Quantity used for processing, nine States, 2000-2002 <sup>1/</sup>

State	Crop year	To Dec 1	To Jan 1	To Feb 1	To Mar 1	To Apr 1	To May 1	To Jun 1	Entire season
1,000 cwt									
Idaho & Malheur County, Oregon	2000	29,290	35,720	43,470	50,580	58,910	66,760	75,270	93,460
	2001	20,940	27,330	33,620	40,860	47,710	54,150	61,200	73,390
	2002	28,380							
Maine <sup>2/</sup>	2000	1,845	2,475	3,105	3,695	4,225	4,760	5,340	7,015
	2001	1,975	2,440	3,110	3,700	4,285	4,775	5,515	7,195
	2002	2,275							
Washington and Other areas, Oregon	2000	34,770	40,970	47,720	55,250	62,860	69,850	78,010	91,130
	2001	29,320	35,310	40,540	47,910	54,970	61,360	69,400	77,180
	2002	33,680							
Other States <sup>3/</sup>	2000	12,665	16,215	18,975	22,095	25,410	28,695	31,765	39,020
	2001	13,270	15,325	19,060	22,255	24,865	28,095	30,810	36,300
	2002	13,275							
Total	2000	78,570	95,380	113,270	131,620	151,405	170,065	190,385	230,625
	2001	65,505	80,405	96,330	114,725	131,830	148,380	166,925	194,065
	2002	77,610							
Dehydrated <sup>4/</sup>	2000 <sup>5/</sup>								51,946
	2001 <sup>5/</sup>								38,581
	2002 <sup>5/</sup>	15,660							

<sup>1/</sup> Total quantity received and used for processing regardless of the State in which the potatoes were produced. Amount excludes quantities used for potato chips in ME, CO, MI, and WI. <sup>2/</sup> Includes Maine grown potatoes only. <sup>3/</sup> MN, NV, ND, SD, and WI in 2000 and 2001. CO, MN, NV, ND, and WI in 2002. <sup>4/</sup> Dehydrated products except starch and flour. Included in above totals. <sup>5/</sup> No monthly data available.